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1. JAPANESE DEL (OGISO) REPORTED AT NOVEMBER 9 BARTON GROUP MEETING AND IN SEPARATE PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH US DEL STATUS OF ITS EFFORTS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS DRAFT RES ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS (CAT).

2. ACCORDING TO OGISO, JAPANESE DEL HAS HAD FAVORABLE, IF SOMETIMES UNENTHUSIASTIC REACTION TO CAT RES FROM LARGE NUMBER OF DELS OVER SEVERAL MONTH PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WHEN FOREIGN MINISTRY DECIDED AT ELEVENTH HOUR TO CIRCULATE DRAFT RES, DECISION WAS MADE TO DIRECT EFFORTS AT DELS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CRITICAL. RESULT OF CONTACTS TO DATE HAS BEEN THAT INDIA AND EGYPT HAVE REMAINED OPPOSED TO RES WHILE PAKISTAN AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR IF CERTAIN CHANGES ARE ACCEPTED. KUWAIT AND APPARENTLY OTHER ARAB DELS ARE MORE POSITIVE BUT JAPANESE RECOGNIZE NEED TO AVOID BEING SEEN AS SPLITTING THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP. OGISO DID NOT MENTION REACTIONS OF NIGERIA, BUT UK DEL INFORMS US THAT IT IS NEGATIVE. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL BARTON GROUP QUESTIONS CONCERNING FAILURE OF RES TO MENTION PRODUCTION IN OPERATIVE SECTION, OGISO SAID THAT PRODUCTION IS MORE CLEARLY A MATTER OF SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE. IN ANY EVENT, JAPANESE ARE ADVISING DELS THAT NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS TO SECRETARY GENERAL CAN MAKE REFERENCE

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TO PRODUCTION.

3. OGISO DESCRIBED JAPAN'S OBJECTIVE AS BEING TO INSURE THAT (1) CAT IS INCLUDED IN SOME FASHION IN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM OF ACTION TO BE APPROVED BY UNGA SPECIAL SESSION PROGRAM AND, (2) MEASURABLE PROGRESS ON CAT IS REGISTERED BY SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. DECISION ON WHETHER TO TABLE CAT RES WILL BE MADE BY FRIDAY NOON DEAELINE FOR TABLING ON BASIS OF WHETHER JAPANESE DEL CAN COUNT ON SUPPORT OF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF MEMBERSHIP.

4. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE JAPAN IS IN UPHILL BATTLE AND PROBLABLY WILL BE FORCED AGAIN THIS YEAR TO WITHDRAW ITS RES.
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